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Cys	Tyr	Ala	Lys	Val	Phe	Asp	Glu	Phe	Lys	Pro	Leu	Val	Glu	Glu	Pro
370						375					380				
Gln	Asn	Leu	Ile	Lys	Gln	Asn	Cys	Glu	Leu	Phe	Glu	Gln	Leu	Gly	Glu
385					390					395					400
Tyr	Lys	Phe	Gln	Asn	Ala	Leu	Leu	Val	Arg	Tyr	Thr	Lys	Lys	Val	Pro
				405					410					415	
Gln	Val	Ser	Thr	Pro	Thr	Leu	Val	Glu	Val	Ser	Arg	Asn	Leu	Gly	Lys
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Val	Gly	Ser	Lys	Cys	Cys	Lys	His	Pro	Glu	Ala	Lys	Arg	Met	Pro	Cys
		435				440						445			
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	450					455					460				
Glu	Lys	Thr	Pro	Val	Ser	Asp	Arg	Val	Thr	Lys	Cys	Cys	Thr	Glu	Ser
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Leu	Val	Asn	Arg	Arg	Pro	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ala	Leu	Glu	Val	Asp	Glu	Thr
				485					490					495	
Tyr	Val	Pro	Lys	Glu	Phe	Asn	Ala	Glu	Thr	Phe	Thr	Phe	His	Ala	Asp
			500					505					510		
Ile	Cys	Thr	Leu	Ser	Glu	Lys	Glu	Arg	Gln	Ile	Lys	Lys	Gln	Thr	Ala
			515				520						525		
Leu	Val	Glu	Leu	Val	Lys	His	Lys	Pro	Lys	Ala	Thr	Lys	Glu	Gln	Leu
	530					535					540				
Lys	Ala	Val	Met	Asp	Asp	Phe	Ala	Ala	Phe	Val	Glu	Lys	Cys	Cys	Lys
545					550					555					560
Ala	Asp	Asp	Lys	Glu	Thr	Cys	Phe	Ala	Glu	Glu	Gly	Lys	Lys	Leu	Val
				565					570					575	
Ala	Ala	Ser	Gln	Ala	Ala	Leu	Gly	Leu							
			580				585								

1. A method of enhancing transfection efficiency or viability of a cell during transfection, said method comprising:

a) transfecting a cell with a nucleic acid molecule in a cell culture media supplemented with a plant-produced recombinant mammalian transferrin related protein, wherein said transfection efficiency or cell viability is enhanced relative to a culture without said plant-produced recombinant mammalian transferrin related protein supplement.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said transfecting comprises culturing said cell with said nucleic acid molecule in said cell culture media, wherein the plant-produced recombinant mammalian transferrin related protein supplement is added to the cell culture media prior to, during, or immediately after transfection.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein of interest.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said protein of interest is a therapeutic protein or an antibody.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein said enhanced transfection efficiency comprises higher yield of said protein of interest expressed in said cell.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises an expression vector, in which the nucleotide sequence encoding for the protein of interest is

operably linked to an expression control sequence for constitutive or inducible expression in said cell.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein said cell culture media comprises at least one additional protein selected from the group consisting of albumin, growth factors, lactoferrin, insulin, growth hormone, fibronectin attachment factor, lamin attachment factor, collagenase, platelet derived growth factor, brain-derived neurotrophic factor, glial-derived neurotrophic factor, thymic factors, haptocorin, lactahedin, lactoperoxidase, alpha-fetoprotein, immunoglobulin, and alpha-lactalbumin.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said at least one additional protein is a plant-produced recombinant protein.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said at least one additional protein is plant-produced recombinant albumin having less than about 1 EU of endotoxin/mg of albumin and less than about 2% aggregated albumin.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the supplement comprises a ratio (wt/wt) of transferrin related protein to albumin of about 1 to 5000, to about 1 to 0.5.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the cell culture media is a serum-free media.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the transferrin related protein is lactoferrin or transferrin.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein said cell is a B-cell, T cell, stem cell, hybridoma, human embryonic kidney line,